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INTRODUCTION: During the Moscow Conference, the Soviet radio stressed six major themes: (1) Dismemberment. The western powers are dismembering Germany. (2) Potsdam. By not cooperating with the USSR, they are violating the Potsdam agreement. (3) Demilitarization. They are not reducing German war potential. (4) Denazification. They are coddling Nazis. (5) Economic Control. They are infiltrating and taking control of west-German industry, and subordinating it to western monopoly capitalism. (6) Reparations. The Soviet claim to reparations is legitimate. Since then, the same themes have been stressed, with the exception of Reparations, which was immediately soft-pedalled. Two new major themes have been added: (1) Economic Failure. The western zones have been impoverished, while the Soviet zone has prospered. (2) Land Reform and Socialization. By blocking these, the U.S. disproves its own claim to "democracy."

Soviet broadcasts of the past week show little important change. The approaching London Conference is not given much attention, nor has there been as yet any appreciable increase in stress on reparations. (Some previous broadcasts have anticipated failure of the Conference and laid a basis for blaming the U.S. in this event.) Gay's anti-totalitarian educational campaign is compared with the propaganda of Goebbels.

1. POTSDAM AGREEMENT: The proposal for 4-power control of the Ruhr has been given almost no attention since Moscow. References to Potsdam are much fewer, but general accusations of non-cooperativeness have continued, and have been merged with the more

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violent and ominous accusations of "warmongering" which have assumed prominence since Vishinsky's aggressive speech. It has been asserted also that "those who want to break up Germany... have already decided to wreck the London Conference to achieve this aim."

2. GERMAN UNITY: This has probably been (together with "economic control") one of the two most-emphasized themes; and the emphasis is, if anything, increased in anticipation of the London Conference. Publicity is given, for instance, to proposals of all-German representation in London and to recent SED and LDP proposals for an all-German government. Trizonal fusion is treated as simply a further step in plans to "split" Germany.

3. DEMILITARIZATION: The assertions with regard to "military bands" in the western zones have almost disappeared. On the other hand, proposals for allegedly increasing the "war-potential" of the Ruhr are denounced as illustrations of U.S. militarism, and of a U.S. intention to use the Ruhr as a base for military aggression.

4. DENAZIFICATION: The stress on an alleged western failure to denazify is continued. Clay's anti-Communist campaign is denounced this week on the ground that, like Nazi anti-Communism, it will later be extended to a campaign against all "progressive" and "democratic" elements.

5. ECONOMIC CONTROL: The chief form of this theme consists of assertions that U.S. "monopolists" are closely associated with German "monopolists" and are controlling western Germany through them.

6. REPARATIONS: Although this theme was soft-pedalled soon after the Moscow Conference (perhaps because of an expected adverse reaction in Germany) it has been definitely kept alive in a way suggesting that it may reappear in full force as the London Conference date draws nearer, and during the Conference itself.

7. ECONOMIC FAILURE: It is not claimed that the Soviet zone has a higher standard of living than the western zones, but that its economy is now on a sound basis and is steadily going forward, thanks to planning, land reform, etc., while in the west chaos and exploitation prevail.

8. LAND REFORM AND SOCIALIZATION: This new emphasis, frankly addressed to the assumed economic class interests of "workers and peasants," bulks much larger in broadcasts to and about Germany than in Moscow's references to other parts of the world.

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